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Award winning Eco Luxury on our doorstep

The village of Hasketon holds the key on how to combine environmental activities with luxury glamping facilities in the award winning 'Secret Meadows'.

Set up in 2012 to fund the conservation work at White House Farm Wildlife site, Secret Meadow has already won Suffolk's 'Creating the Greenest County' award for Greenest Micro Business in 2015, and in 2017 was in the top three for the 'Visit England Glamping Provider of the Year' award, as well as receiving recognition in a number of national newspapers. Most recently, on 8 February at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, Charlotte Daniel and her

flower meadows, woodland, ancient trees and ponds. Secret Meadows is an extension of this ethos – the accommodation allows people to stay at the wildlife site in a low impact way while encouraging guest interaction with the outdoors and giving them an appreciation of the environment.

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CARD SUPPORT



Carrie and Rupert Herries visited East Anglian Children's Hospice in Ipswich. They handed over £500 raised from the sale of their Hallo Christmas cards, thanks to Williams Stores, Grange Farm Shop and Woodbridge Charity Card shop selling the cards for no profit, making a total of £1500 over three years. Really impressed by what they saw, the Herries are determined to do even better this year.

Above: Grundisburgh Football Club players (in blue) in action against Coplestonians.

An update on GFC's current season so far is included on page 18.

A players' reunion is being held on Saturday 21 April from 2pm to celebrate 20 years since the club 'did the treble' - winning the SIL Senior Division, Suffolk Senior Cup and SIL Ko Cup. GFC is still the only club to achieve this feat. All those who played under manager Steve Potts between 1994/95 to 2004/05 are welcome.



In rehearsal for the Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra's concert on Sunday 4 March. See page 5 for full details.



Charlotte Daniel and Ross Troup at the award ceremony in Bury St Edmunds.

eight colleagues were delighted to discover they have won in the Sustainable Tourism category for the Norfolk and Suffolk Tourism Awards.

The Sinfield Nature Conversation Trust was established as a charity in 1994 with the main objective of advancing the conservation of wildlife and wild places to benefit the public, the site covers 115 acres of wild-

An invitation from The News' team

... to join us at our annual general meeting on Friday 23 March in Grundisburgh Parish Room (opposite Forge Stores) starting at 7.30pm. We'd like to offer you a glass or two of wine and to hear your views and your suggestions - and even offers of help in producing the paper!

News Diary

MARCH

Thursday 1

Nostalgic Slides of Grundisburgh Rosie and Clare from Williams Shop Grundisburgh WI BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 3

St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning GrPR 10.30am Contact 735775

Saturday 3

Eve Appeal Easter Tea Party Coffee Morning Burgh School Room 10am Contact 735554

Saturday 3

TADPOLES "One More Night Variety Show" Tuddenham VH 7.30pm Contact 785682/785400 **SOLD OUT!**

Sunday 4

Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert Burgh House Barn 3pm Tickets Olde Forge Stores or 738944

Monday 5

Easy Gardening - Low Maintenance Gardens Otley & District Gardening Club Otley VH 7.30pm Contact 890563

Tuesday 6

Baby Cafe GrPR 9am Contact 735183

Saturday 10

Mother's Day Special Events Otley Hall 2pm - 4.30pm To book contact 890264

Sunday 11

Annual Litter Pick Grundisburgh Walking Group Meet at GrVG 2pm Contact 738219

Tuesday 13

Diary of a Norfolk Parson Talk by Sheila Harrison Tuddenham VH 7.30pm Contact 785368

Thursday 15

Cooking Various Demonstration by Eunice Mayhew Hasketon WI Hasketon Victory Hall 7.15pm Contact 735579

Tuesday 20

Country Houses in East Anglia Gr Local History Society Talk by Ben Cowell GrPR 7.45pm Contact 738195

Thursday 22

Craft Group GrPR 9.30am Contact 735517

Thursday 22

Retreat Day for Easter Led by Revd Fred Woods Otley Hall 10am-4pm Contact 890264

Friday 23

Grundisburgh News AGM GrPR 7.30pm Contact 738886

APRIL

Tuesday 3

Baby Cafe GrPR 9am Contact 735183

Thursday 5

Quick Suppers Demonstrator Jane Sago Grundisburgh WI BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 7

St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning GrPR 10.30am Contact 735775

Monday 9

Propagation - Cuttings and Seeds Otley & District Gardening Club OtleyVH 7.30pm Contact 890056

Tuesday 10

Gardening for Wildlife Talk by Mike Powell Evans Tuddenham WI Tuddenham VH 7.30pm Contact 785368

Thursday 12

Craft Group GrPR 9.30am Contact 735517

Saturday 14

Car Boot/Table Top Sale Bredfield Village Hall 12noon - 4pm To book a space contact henny@dircon.co.uk

Saturday 14

Soup & Sweet Luncheon Tuddenham VH 12 noon Contact 785454 or 785682

Thursday 19

Resolutions Meeting Bring and Share Supper Hasketon WI Hasketon Victory Hall 7.15pm Contact 735579

Friday 27

FOGS Ceilidh Grundisburgh School 7pm PBE Tickets from School Office

MAY

Thursday 3

Fuchsia Society Grundisburgh WI BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 5

St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning GrPR 10.30am Contact 735775

Saturday 5

Plant Sale Morning Otley & District Gardening Club Otley VH 10.30am Contact 890563

Saturday 12

Village Quiz Tuddenham VH 7pm Contact 785682

Monday 14

'Over the Garden Wall' - Gardening Stories Otley & District Gardening Club OtleyVH 7.30pm Contact 890056

Thursday 24

Craft Group GrPR 9.30am Contact 735517

JUNE

Saturday 2

St Mary's Coffee Morning GrPR 10.30am Contact 735775

Saturday 2

Bredfield Church Fete The Old Rectory Bredfield 2pm Contact 07770 406222

Thursday 7

Garden Party Grundisburgh WI 2.30pm Contact 735838 for details

Saturday 9

Day Trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park Otley & District Gardening Club Leave Otley VH 9.15am Contact 890563

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10

Hidden Gardens of Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Programmes on GrVG 2pm - 6pm Contact 735228

Saturday 9

Village Fete Poplar Farm Tuddenham 2pm Contact 785454

Thursday 14 Friday 15

Saturday 16 Murder at Mole End GADS GrVH 7.30pm Details later

Saturday 23

Open Garden Lark's Hill Clopton Road Tuddenham 1.30pm Contact 785248

Saturday 23

Playford Fete Playford Hall 2pm - 5pm Contact 624556

Saturday 23

Duck Race 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group GrVG 4pm

Contact 735352

JULY

Thursday 5

Mystery Tour Outing Grundisburgh WI Contact 735838

Saturday 14

Charsfield Flower Show Charsfield Village Hall 2pm Contact dialexander100@gmail.com

Grundisburgh Village Show

GrPF 12.30-5pm Contact 738997

Thursday 19

Wateraid Talk by Sue Brenham Hasketon WI Hasketon Victory Hall 7.15pm Contact 735579

Saturday 28

St Mary's Grundisburgh Church Fete GrVG 1pm Contact 738066

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29

Grundisburgh Art Club Exhibition in St Mary's Church Sat 1pm - 4pm Sun 10am - 5pm Contact 738265

Key to abbreviations:

PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village Hall
PR - Parish Room
PF - Playing Field
VG - Village Green
Pav - Pavilion
BCR - Baptist Chapel Room
Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Brief details of events with **date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number** should be sent by **2 May** for the next issue to Ingrid McIvor, 21 Thomas Walls' Close Grundisburgh IP13 6XB, or diary@grunews.com. Please indicate if tickets must be bought in advance.

The diary was introduced to promote planned events and to help organisers avoid clashes of future events.

Details can be sent up to a year ahead for inclusion for the website diary.

Otley Hall events

Otley Hall is holding a special event for Mother's Day on Saturday 10 March. Between 2 and 4.30pm guests will be treated to a unique tour of Otley Hall Gardens in the company of Head Gardener Simon Nickson. He will explain the fascinating history and planting of the gardens and their development over the centuries.

The tour will be followed by a delicious afternoon tea in the Great Hall and Linenfold Parlour. In front of roaring log fires the tour guide will regale visitors with stories of the hall's famous and often surprising previous residents. The cost is £19 per person.

There will be a Retreat Day for Easter on Thursday 22 March led by the Revd Fred Woods, looking at famous paintings relating to the Holy Week and Easter events. This runs from 10am to 4pm. The £25 pp fee covers refreshments throughout the day and a two course lunch. To book for either event, contact me on 01473 890264 or see the 'shop' page on our website www.otleyhall.co.uk

*Karen Gwynne-Vince, Event Manager,
Otley Hall, Hall Lane, Otley IP6 9PA*

Easter Tea Party Coffee Morning!

Supporters of The Eve Appeal are hosting tea parties up and down the country to raise funds during March. The party in the Burgh Schoolroom on Saturday 3 March will take the form of an Easter coffee morning, from 10am to 12noon.

Everyone is welcome and will find lots of delicious homemade cakes and fudge for sale, lovely homemade jams, marmalades and chutneys, handcrafted greetings cards, spring flowers in pots and a raffle with great prizes

The Eve Appeal raises funds for research and to save lives from gynaecological cancers



White peacocks in front of Otley Hall.

by aiming to find better ways to prevent and earlier diagnose cancer in women. Burgh Schoolroom is next to Burgh church.

Eily Buffone 01473 735554

Car boots and table tops

Bredfield Village Hall is raising funds for a conservatory extension. We will be holding a number of events, the first of which is a car boot/table top sale on Saturday 14 April from 12 noon to 4pm.

'Car boot' spaces on the playing field can be booked for £5 per car and a limited number of 'table top' spaces in the hall can be booked for £10 per table. Food and drinks will be available. To book a space contact henny@dircon.co.uk. And of course everyone is welcome to come and buy.

In late November an extremely successful Christmas Fair raised over £1,110 for hall funds. There were stalls selling Christmas wreaths, and cards, handmade bags, all things knitting, handmade stained glass, homemade jams, chutneys, bread, gins and pickles, delicious baps with turkey and all the trimmings, tea, coffee and mulled wine. At 1pm Santa arrived and lots of children spent some time telling him what they wanted for Christmas and assuring him how good they had been. At the end of the afternoon, the amazing raffle was drawn - fantastic prizes donated by local people and businesses. Many thanks to everyone who helped, contributed and came and spent money!

Anne Henderson

Bredfield Church Fete

As the sun comes out and the temperatures rise, we can look forward to a wonderful summer in 2018 and how better to start it than with the biggest and best garden fete for miles. Bredfield Church Fete on Saturday 2 June, starting at 2pm is full of fabulous fun and is unequalled as a traditional garden event.

The wonderful grounds of The Old Rectory (IP13 6AX) will be open to welcome people from far and wide. Admission and parking are free

The usual massive range of attractions will be available. There will be some exciting new games this year but you will have to come along to see what they are! We have over 40 stalls and games, Come along and join the fun. For more information contact the organizer Andrew Miller on 07770 406222 or myself.

Roswyn Bradshaw, 07846 279326

Chapel events

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel's annual Easter Hunt at the Millennium Meadow (off Lower Road) is planned for Good Friday at 2.30pm.

There will be our usual format of mini games followed by the great hunt itself, with a brief reminder of what Easter is really all about. It should be a fun afternoon for all the family. The minimum donation per child is £1 which goes to the East Anglian Children's Hospice. There is limited parking near the Meadow, but plenty of room

on the chapel car park.

On Easter Sunday we have a Family Service at 10.45am, preceded by bacon butties and hot cross buns from 10.15am. Everybody is welcome as we think about how the resurrection of Jesus is relevant to us.

Our Seekers group now comprises primary age children and meets from 6.30 to 8.00pm on Mondays during term time. We have a varied programme of games, competitions and craft, with important lessons from the Bible. There is also a cut price tuck shop. It is free to join - just turn up on the night.

Our Ladies' and Men's groups are now combined and meet at 2.30pm for an hour on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month. We usually have a couple of hymns and a speaker, followed by refreshments and time to chat. Some of the speakers tell us about their life story or interests, while others give us some thoughts from the Bible. Once again, all are welcome.

If anyone has any questions or would like to talk over matters of faith we are always happy to help or you can listen to our messages on www.grundisburghchapel.org.uk

*Colin Grimwood, 01473 738856,
colin.grimwood12@hotmail.co.uk and
Bruce Francis, 01473 277182,
bruceinphp@yahoo.com.*

Carlford Easter services

Ashbocking: Extended Family Communion 11am
Boulge: Extended Holy Communion 11am
Burgh: Holy Communion 9.30am
Clopton: Holy Communion 9.30am
Grundisburgh: Family Communion 11am
Hasketon: Holy Communion 9.30am
Otley: Family Communion 11am
Swilland: Holy Communion 9.30am

**More What's On
overleaf**

GREEN SHOOTS ON SHOW

Preparations for this year's Grundisburgh Village Show are well under way. Class lists are available on our website or from Williams Stores. Our colourful schedule will be out in early May with full list of "what's on".

We still need volunteers on show day to help with the car parks and tea tent, you would be most welcome. Just a couple of hours would be so much appreciated - it doesn't have to be all day! Please contact the show secretary: secretary@grundisburgh.show

This year our Hidden Gardens event is on 8 and 9 June - see below. Our annual garden party will be on Friday 10 August in the beautiful garden at Akenfield in Meeting Lane, by kind permission of David and Gill Twissell. The horticultural society has launched its Facebook pages for our main events, with

lovely photos and hopefully some useful gardening tips.

Martin Cripps, Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, 01473 738997, chairman@grundisburgh.show

Hidden gardens needs helpers too

Each year with its Hidden Gardens weekend, the village raises money for the Grundisburgh show and local good causes. As well as continuing to show old favourites, we are looking for new gardens, so if you live in Grundisburgh, Burgh or Culpho and are considering opening your garden or if you could help by volunteering over the weekend, please contact Catherine Laxton on 01473 735228.

Hidden Gardens this year is on 9 and 10 June, from 2 to 6pm. Do help us to spread the word.

This year Hidden Gardens features an art exhibition at Grundisburgh House, showing sculpture, ceramics, paintings and silverwork from some magnificent Suffolk artists. Local artist Reg Snook has donated a watercolour to be sold. There will also be an opportunity for the village art group to exhibit. Please follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/GrundisburghHorticulturalSociety/.

Linden Hibbert

Larks Hill garden opening

Our gardens at Larks' Hill in Tuddenham will be opening again this year for the National Gardens Scheme.

The main open day will be held on Saturday 23 June starting at 1.30pm, but once again we are going to host private parties of 15 or so people at any agreed time between late April and September. For more information please contact me.

John Lambert, Larks' Hill, Clopton Road, Tuddenham St. Martin, IP6 9BY, jlambert@talktalk.net, 01473 785248

Charsfield Flower Show

It's time to get growing and planning for Charsfield Village Show, say the organisers. This is being held on Saturday 14 July with classes for flowers, vegetables, fruit, floral art, baking/cooking/preserving, photography and children's sections. We welcome entries from anyone within or outside of the village, and of any age or ability

The schedules will go out locally in early May but anyone wanting an electronic copy or have any queries should contact me: dialexander100@gmail.com

Joanna Alexander

Charsfest 18

Charsfest is on Saturday 26 May this year, from 2pm until late, on the Recreation Ground in Charsfield. All the usual stalls and games will be there plus several new additions. Licensed bar, BBQ, crepes and pizzas available all day plus homemade evening food and entertainment from 6pm.

Grundisburgh church fete changes

Changes are afoot for Grundisburgh Church Fete! We have moved the date to 28 July after two wet years, in an attempt to catch some better weather and therefore more visitors.

In order to do this we are sharing the weekend of 28 and 29 July with the Grundisburgh Art Exhibition. Both events to run between 1pm and 4pm on 28th and the Art Exhibition will continue on the Sunday

from 10am until 4pm.

There will be new games to play on The Green at the fete with refreshments served in the church, and a fancy dress contest with a space theme. Full details will be included in a flyer being distributed in March.

John Ledgley, ledgley@talktalk.net, 01473 738066 and Jenny Taylor 01473 738205

Putting spring into steps!

With the warmer weather on its way and signs of spring all around us, we would like to invite people from all areas to join us in exploring the countryside around Grundisburgh. The Grundisburgh Walking Group meets on the second Sunday of every month and we do a good circular walk lasting up to two hours. It is a great way to meet up with old friends, make new friends and enjoy the fresh air, while getting healthy exercise!

There is no charge for our walks, just turn up. Bring a friend or two and dogs on leads are very welcome. For information look for the A board on The Green or contact 738219 or 738108.

Annual litter pick

All over Suffolk villages are taking part in the annual litter pick in March. We would love as many people as possible to join our group on Sunday 11 March at 2pm. If possible bring your own litter picker and bag, but we do have some available! Please help us to make Grundisburgh village look spick and span.

Ingrid McIvor

GADS GO FOR MURDER

The play chosen by Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society for its summer offering is called 'Murder at Mole End'. This is the story of a murder that happens at a murder mystery weekend and it will be performed at Grundisburgh Village Hall on 14, 15 and 16 June.

The director will be Ian Frost. More information in the next issue of The News.

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GRUNDISBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Formed in 2015, the GSO (Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra) gave its first performance at the midsummer music day that year. It has gone from strength to strength and, with a grant from the Andrew Lloyd Weber Foundation, has continued to make orchestral music accessible and affordable, and more importantly fun, for local musicians.

Our members range from year 3 (age 7) who have only been playing a term, to experienced semi-professionals, to pensioners and everything in between. It has been lovely to see people taking up an instrument in later life, and adults returning to music after a lapse of sometimes decades. The teenagers keep conductor John Richards on his toes by requesting fun and challenging music which he then has to go and find and put in the right key!

The orchestra meets on Thursday evenings in term time. The beginner orchestra from 5.30 to 6.15pm and the main orchestra (grade 3 and up) 6.15 to 7pm. If you are interested in joining please email John on johnateallthepies@hotmail.com We would love to see you.

Sarah Cavanagh, 01473 738944



"I have always had a passion for music and started playing the violin at the age of seven. Having achieved a performance diploma, I then went on to study music at degree level. I am currently a primary school teacher but music is still a big part of my life; I thoroughly enjoy being part of the orchestra and also sing and play in a local band called 'Elliott's Remedy'. I have two children who are following in my musical footsteps and also play in the orchestra - Isabelle plays the violin and Francesca the flute." Lynsey Ratcliffe

The orchestra's next concert is on Sunday 4 March at 3pm in Burgh House Barn (courtesy Bill & Jacqui Mayne). Tickets £4 (£2) in aid of the new village hall are on sale in Olde Forge Stores. The varied programme will last less than hour, followed by tea, coffee, wine and cake.



"I am 11 years old and go to Woodbridge School. I am preparing for my Violin Grade 6, taking my Flute Grade 5 this term and have just started playing the Organ. At school, I am in a number of groups and ensembles, including Concert Band, Seckford Sinfonia, the Allegro Quartet, the Cantina Trio, and the Junior and Senior Flute ensembles. I also sing in a school choir called Cantabile" Oliver Laxton



"Every Thursday, my Daddy, sister and I go to The Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra. I am in year 5 (10 years old) and I have loved playing the violin since January 2015. As well as a junior orchestra there is an adult one too. In the adult rehearsals, I and some of my friends from school play percussion. We play: the drum, glockenspiel, wood block, cymbal and triangle. My favourite thing about the orchestra is that you don't have to be amazing to be in it. (And the conductor, John Richards is great!)" Rosie Moore-Smith



"I joined the orchestra because I was new to the violin and wanted the experience of playing with other musicians. It makes you listen to them, watch the conductor and adjust how loudly or softly you play. The experience is positive and rewarding." Judith Bignell



"I'm in year 10 at Farlingaye and started playing the trumpet at Grundisburgh School when I was in year 3. Although I play in several bands at school, and with Suffolk Youth Music, I really enjoy the GSO, especially because Ellie and I get the tune as we are the only two trumpets. It's also convenient as the rehearsals are in the village and are only 45 minutes long. I have started helping with the beginner orchestra, as part of my Duke of Edinburgh award. This has been good fun, particularly when John gave me the responsibility of playing the triangle!" Oliver Cavanagh



"I play the flute in the orchestra with my Dad who plays clarinet. I am in year 4 at Grundisburgh Primary School and I am taking my Grade 1 flute exam in March. It is really fun playing in the orchestra and my favourite piece we are playing is "Waltz of the Flowers". I am really looking forward to the concert." Asha Turner

Photos Peter Kendall

An invitation to join Upbeat! and sing

Upbeat!, the ladies choir started in Grundisburgh six years ago, is looking for more members. It meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at Grundisburgh School. No auditions are held - the invitation is to just turn up and sing. The ability to read music is not necessary. The choir is currently working

towards its 2018 summer concert - date and venue to be announced shortly. Since it was formed, Upbeat! has raised over £14,000 for various charities from its concerts, singing a wide range of light music. Anyone interested can contact Jean Ellinor on 07766496160 - or just drop into a rehearsal.

It all began with 'Educating Rita'

The Open University is a world leader in distance learning and enables people to achieve both career and life goals in a unique way which is both flexible and supportive.

Two Grundisburgh residents are currently undertaking a degree course and are finding that it fits in with family life and other commitments. However it does take persistence and self discipline.

Gill Twissell has recently commenced studying for a B.A. (Hons) in English Literature. Her best subjects at school were English, French and Art but her parents – one with a 'First' in Chemistry and the other a doctor made it clear that such subjects were

for "sissies". Consequently Gill failed 3 science A-levels leaving her feeling cheated out of the chance to get a degree. Determined to succeed academically Gill publish a novel 'Rest Upon the Wind' (on sale in Williams store). However, this was still not enough hence she embarked on a degree at the age of 75.

It will take her six years. Because she has no A-levels she is doing a foundation course which is taking 12-14 hours a week.

Gill is just about to study 'Tradition and Dissent in English Christianity' which will be challenging but as her scientist father was also a

parish priest it is a subject close to her heart. The topics she has enjoyed most so far include analysing poetry and studying Dr. Faustus.

The most challenging aspect has been the chapter on Cezanne where his work had to be compared with that of a seventeenth century French painter. Having no previous knowledge of Art History made this difficult.

With a personal tutor and



techniques. However the most challenging aspect was taking a three hour handwritten exam where she had to write legibly. In her words "Terrifying!"

Her tutor for the current module 'The European Empires from 1492-1970's' has so far led two face-to-face tutorials which were

very helpful. He made the next task seem achievable with advice and pointers on how to start. Also notes have been provided online along with support via email when there has been a problem. All the tutors have been helpful and are respected academics. Joanna has met other students at tutorials and the discussions have been both fascinating and thought provoking.

On previous modules Joanna has been part of 'Facebook closed groups' providing opportunities for exchanging hints, tips and support. Some of the students she has met are working mothers who have to be well organized. Joanna really respects these women as she sometimes get behind even though retired!

Both Gill (photo left) and Joanna (above) are certainly up for a challenge so they are wished every success in their studies.

Jenness Proctor



opportunity to attend tutorials with other students there has been sufficient guidance and support. Along with the body of knowledge being gained Gill is also learning to be disciplined in her writing and is loving the whole OU experience.

Joanna Crowe is studying for a History degree as a complete contrast to previous studies and experience. She is doing 60 credits per year rather than the full time 120. (360 credits for a full degree). This involves about 15 hours per week although the load is increasing now and 20 hours is nearer the mark. One of the benefits is that being retired it is keeping her mind in good order.

The OU has a great deal of experience of remote and online studying which shows in the quality of the course materials. Joanne enjoys academic learning but also how to use new tools and

Apprenticeships and mentoring

Easton and Otley College is a land-based organisation that teaches a range of courses for people of all ages. From leisure options to commercial programmes via further and higher education courses, the organisation – that has campuses in both Suffolk and Norfolk – has helped individuals in this region and beyond for almost 100 years.

The college also has a large team of people supporting the delivery of increasingly popular apprenticeship programmes that help people of all ages earn and learn. To help apprentices achieve, a new mentoring course has been set up to give learners the vital additional support and guidance they need in their workplace.

The college trains new mentors on how to support their apprentices at work. They (the mentors) are given advice on a range of skills that allows them to offer professional support and guidance, meet regularly with the apprentice to discuss their progress, access additional training for them and provide consistent non-judgmental feedback.

As a college, we oversee this mentoring programme and believe

it is crucial in helping apprentices develop their career. We offer a half day training programme to help the mentors get a thorough understanding of their role.

It is a relatively new idea to offer this (workplace mentoring) scheme but we feel that it adds value to an individual apprentice's development. In general, we have an excellent track record of supporting apprentices in the region and beyond.

Previous apprenticeship successes include two grounds people who ended up working for championship football clubs, a youngster who became landlord of a pub at the age of 19 and a former army sergeant who left the forces to study horticulture with us and is now working in her dream job as the head gardener at Kentwell Hall.

Big Day Out

The college has a family fun day taking place at our Otley campus on Sunday 20 May between 10am and 4pm. For details about this, the mentoring programme, apprenticeships or the

college in general, you can call 08000 224556 or visit www.eastonotley.ac.uk

Mark Stead, head of work based learning at Easton and Otley College, based in Otley.



BOOKS ON WHEELS



Rita Johnson has used the Suffolk Mobile Library Service for many years. Each month when the van calls at Ashbocking she chooses about 16 books to take out. "I would really hate to be without it" she says.

The service has three mobile library vans of which two between them stop in nine of The News' villages. The van serving Ashbocking is based at Saxmundham and the regular manager is Peter Fiske, a retired policeman, who has got to know all his regular customers and enjoys a good chat and a laugh.

The mobile library service gives free access to hundreds of thousands of books, including large print, audiobooks and children's books. It also lends CDs and DVDs for a small charge. If the items wanted are not on board they can be reserved from the library catalogue at no cost and delivered with the van at a later date. The steps convert into a lift for anyone with limited mobility.

This valuable service to rural and often isolated communities can also be an opportunity to meet up with other people and catch up with the local goings on says Helen Hudson, the other manager of the Saxmundham van. She is very anxious that people take advantage of the service. "The more people who use it, the less likely we are to lose it. Everyone is welcome," says Helen.

The stops in The News' villages on the Saxmundham mobile library route are every fourth Thursday at:

Dallinghoo Village Hall 0945-1000
Charsfield, South View, The Street 1005-1030
Otley Spring Park 1100-1125
Otley Village Stores 1130-1210
Framsden, The Green 1220-1245

The next dates are 15 March, 12 April, 10 May and 7 June.

The van serving other villages in The News area is based in Ipswich, with Andrew Little being the regular manager. It also visits on a Thursday calling at:

Hasketon Victory Hall 1200-1215
Bredfield Glebe Road 1220 -1235
Bredfield Village Hall 1240-1305
Clopton Rous Hall Estate 1320-1345
Grundisburgh Post Mill Gardens 1450-1510
Grundisburgh Dog Inn 1515-1600
Tuddenham Fountain 1615-1630

The next dates are 8 March, 5 April, 3 May, 31 May and 18 June,

The Saxmundham van can be contacted on 07736 007604 and the Ipswich van on 07809 594685. Alternatively queries can be made or messages left via the Suffolk Libraries helpdesk on 01473 351249, help@suffolklibraries.co.uk.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall



If you thought that faith and church are dull, involve sitting still in a cold church and just listening, we hope that 'Messy Church' is something that can change your mind.

'Messy Church' had a great first year last year with activity-based services where

tell as a story. We also sing and have a prayer, but we also have activities that link to the story. Wet fish printing? Bread over a fire? Gardens in an Eggshell? Actimel Nativities? Yes, we've done them all and plenty more besides. They were lots of fun and we always finish up with a sandwich tea to restore the energy levels.

We get a good crowd coming but we can always welcome more. As we are catering though, we do ask if you could let us know in advance if you'd like to come. (Details on the website)



This year apart from running monthly we are also going to be offering a one-day children only (sorry grownups) holiday club along the same lines. It's going to be on Saturday 21 July and details will be available later.

If you are interested in knowing more, we

all the family can participate together. This year we are changing to meet every month and will still alternate around four of the village halls in the area – Grundisburgh, Clopton, Hasketon and Otley.

Each Sunday afternoon service is themed on a well-known bible story which we

have a website page carlfordchurches.org/messy-church which has a link to sign up for our monthly emails and this year's programme. We look forward to hearing from you!

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

This is the first time for a while that we have had space to continue our series on the origins of road names around our villages.

Cranworth Close, off Stoney Road, was part of the enlarging of Grundisburgh that began in the late 1960's to include also the Post Mill houses and Orchard End. These developments would in time bind the separate settlements of the village near the Chapel and the area near the Half Moon with those around the centre.



A few years later, around 1980, came the extensive estate in Gurdon Road which completed the link-up.

The names are linked because Gurdon is the family name

of local landowner, Lord Cranworth. The family has been associated with Suffolk for hundreds of years and its link with the village came in

1771 when Grundisburgh Hall was purchased by Brampton Gurdon. He also had a family estate in Norfolk with the village of Cranworth nearby, which a descendant took as his title when he became a peer in 1889.

As a footnote, there are two other Gurdon Roads in England, one in Colchester the second in Charlton, London, but in Arkansas, USA there is another Gurdon Road in Clark County.

Albert Usher

Ablitt's Meadow

At the top of Stoney Road, Grundisburgh, Ablitt's Meadow was built in the early part of this century to provide much needed 'affordable housing' and the 24 homes are only available for people with strong local connections.

The site was known in pre-war days as Ablitts Meadow. At that time it was rough grass, a favourite place for gypsies to camp and children to play. At the bottom of the meadow was a pond where



the gypsies would cut willow for peg making.

The Ablitt family were farmers and very early farm contractors. Robert Ablitt lived with his wife Kate in Balcony House, now known as 'Hillingdon', in The Street, Grundisburgh. They also lived at some time in Hill House on the Woodbridge Road. Two of their sons died in the 1st World War and are commemorated on the village war memorial.

So the development commemorates an old village family, a long forgotten field name and two brothers who lost their lives in the service of their country.

John Ager

More contributions to this series will be welcomed, particularly from some of our other villages. Please send to editor@grunews.com.

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THE THREE HORSESHOES AT CHARSFIELD

Charsfield is the village on which the book and later the film of 'Akenfield' was based. It starts with the ethereal line: "The village lies folded away in one of the shallow valleys which dip into the East Anglian coastal plain" which belies the later descriptions of the extreme harshness of life for farm workers in the days of horse drawn agricultural.

Jerry and Sharon Bird are leaseholder publicans at the Three Horseshoes, the Free House Pub in the centre of the village. They both have other employment, Sharon is also a singer and they have four boys all of whom have now left home.

It is an attractive, probably Edwardian, village pub. It is divided into two main areas,



Gerry and Sharon at the bar.

the bar and the restaurant. The bar sits comfortably between these two rooms. The restaurant can cater for up to 28 people and there is also a private dining room area that can cater for 14.

The pub regularly has quiz nights and themed nights and monthly, third Sunday lunches for people who are on their own.

The pub has a large car park, garden and a vegetable

growing area with a poly tunnel which provides for the kitchen. The pub food is focused on gluten free as Sharon is a celiac.

I met Jerry, who explained that the pub struggles to make ends meet. Whilst losses have reduced in recent years, he faces the same pressures that rural pubs everywhere have which has turned so many into restaurants and gastropubs or caused closure like The Castle at Bredfield.

When I visited, he was in the process of internal decoration having recently plastered the chimney breast in the middle of the bar area.

He explained that the pub is no longer opened at lunchtime because there was insufficient trade and

Left: The monthly singles' lunch.

could not justify staff. And that if the pub cannot make money it will likely be turned into a residential property or suchlike in a similar way to The Castle.

In addition to the known pressures he explained that in an incident where the boiler blew up demanding repairs coming to thousands of pounds that was not met under the lease, strong local support was

mobilised, with a voucher system that could be redeemed at the bar and restaurant which helped meet the cost.

More local support

On another occasion locals very kindly helped organise and set up the pub garden when Jerry was injured. Even whilst I was there a local lady brought a large bay plant around for his consideration. He has also run a village shop from the carpark and with his horticultural experience sells various plants, hanging baskets and firewood.

Jerry clearly thrives on the local support that he gets and will certainly need in the future to keep the pub in this famous village a going concern.

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From farmer to very creative architect via BBC special effects and film studios

Local architect Richard Pirkis designed his first building - Woodbridge Rugby Club - while still in a farming partnership with his father at the family farm in Debach.

This spurred him on to leave Suffolk and head to art school in London, later enjoying extraordinary varied work with BBC Visual Effects on Dr Who, Tomorrow's World, Top of the Pops, Private Schulz, Last of the Summer Wine, Open All Hours (he designed and made the till!), Kenny Everett Video Show, and The Day The Universe Changed. He later worked in TV and film including Rob Roy, Jim Henson Muppets, Flintstones, Never Ending Story and Pinocchio.

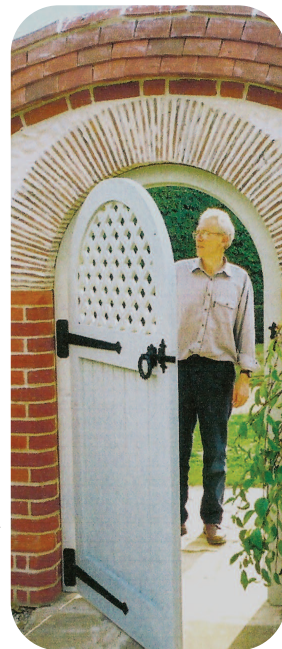
Alongside film work Richard undertook increasing architectural commissions, eventually resulting in a return to Suffolk in 1990. Several listed building and conservation projects, of which he is passionate, have led to a RIBA award winning barn conversion, contemporary extensions and beach huts together with garden and landscape design.

He recently designed the welcoming Honey & Harvey courtyard in Woodbridge with a 150 year old gnarled Spanish Olive tree as a focal point. He is also the architect responsible for the quietly understated conservation and extension at Burgh Schoolroom, a much loved and well-used community facility.

Richard's own house near the Burgh Clopton boundary was once a tiny bungalow built just after the 2nd world war which over the years has grown to become a stylish home for his wife Sally and their two sons. Now that Oliver and Louis have left home, it offers a luxurious bed and breakfast business run by Sally - who also designs and makes silver jewellery.

Words Nicola Hobbs. photos Sally Pirkis

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Above Richard with a new wall and gate he designed in a Suffolk garden. Below a barn conversion in south Suffolk by Richard.



A MOVING STORY

A first job wrapping newly manufactured oak furniture for export led Neil Fenton into the removals business. After ten years experience with various removals companies, he set up Fentons in 2010.

Specialising in small to medium sized removals, Fentons has a couple of three-and-a-half ton long wheelbase

Hill, a close friend from their schooldays at Farlingaye. Neil and Jason have worked together for so long that they each know exactly how the other one likes to operate, saving lots of time and discussion.

Ninety percent of the work is house moves, but Fentons also do office and student moves, auction deliveries and pick ups, and single item deliveries. They have the necessary equipment to move pianos safely, and are licensed waste carriers so they can undertake property clearance and disposal.

Clients can book Fentons to do all the packing before the move, or have packaging materials delivered in advance to do their own. Sometimes they are booked to do the unpacking as well.

"We aim to go the extra mile to make the often stressful business of moving home as easy as it possibly can be" says Neil. Among the more unusual moves Neil has undertaken are a delivery of brand new beds to a chateau in France.

*Words Nicola Hobbs,
photos Peter Kendall*

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Neil (above) piano moving and at top with one of his vans and colleague Jason Hill.

Luton vans, but Neil has now gained the necessary qualifications and operators licence to drive large vehicles which can be hired if needed. He finds the smaller vans are often more satisfactory as they are easier to get up narrow drives and small country lanes.

Working with Neil is Jason

MULTI AWARD WINNING ECO TOURISM PROJECT

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It's a really positive way of making the charity sustainable whilst safeguarding the wildlife site and it has led to Secret Meadows achieving a Green Tourism Gold Award in recognition of its Environmental Policy. There are lots of green themed packages to be had, including locally-sourced food hampers, hen coop hire, off-grid hot tubs, wildlife sponsorships and bushcraft workshops.

Alongside the environmental focus, there's the luxury accommodation. Up to 44 guests can be accommodated at any one time in six safari-style luxury lodge tents; 'Gypsy's Rest' (a gypsy caravan with shepherd's hut); and a converted/recycled wooden horsebox truck called the 'Hobbit Box'.

The accommodation and location allow guests to focus on quality time with loved ones while connecting with the natural environment. Secret Meadows offers a true 'off-grid' experience of outdoor adventures, evenings by candlelight and mornings being woken by birdsong, with such a positive impact on guests that many are reluctant to leave! And who could blame them when experiences include collecting freshly laid eggs and enjoying luxury breakfast hampers provided by Grange Farm Shop, all cooked on the wood burning stove.

Walks can take guests on nature trails to look for animal tracks, sightseeing from the wildlife hide, to a picnic in the wildflower meadow or out to the Turk's Head via the public footpath for a meal.

There are bushcraft workshops in the woods for guests or they can relax in the hammocks and deck chairs overlooking the meadow. One 'must-do' is light the Kadai fire bowl for a traditional barbeque and then sit round the camp fire later in the evening

Open to guests from late March to early November (with the wildlife site's open season from April to October), Secret Meadows is constantly looking to develop and enhance the site with new facilities and additional features.

This year, they are welcoming some new animals for guests to visit, including a very friendly pygmy goat and pig donated by Moat Barn Nursery in Hasketon. There are also plans to add more wood-fired hot tubs (as they have proven so popular!) and adding rustic play areas in the woodland.



Photos: left: Charlotte Daniel, her partner Ross Troup who is site manager and conservation officer, and their children.

Below left: Guests staying at the 'Hobbit Box'.

Below right: Inside a luxury lodge tent



The Sinfield Trust is also moving forward. They will be organising guided walks in June, which is the very best time to see the orchids in the meadows. Furthermore, they will soon be re-launching their volunteer conservation days, which are a really positive way to enjoy the outdoors while helping to maintain the varied habitats at the White House Farm Wildlife Site.

The charity currently has vacancies for volunteer roles and would love to hear from you. The roles include a Volunteer Manager, Wildlife Site Guide, Events Volunteer and Wildlife Recorders. More details are available on the charity's website:

<http://www.sinfieldtrust.org/home> and the best contact if you are interested in volunteering is Charlotte at

info@sinfieldtrust.org or 01394 382992.

More details on Secret Meadows and its accommodation can be found online at <http://www.secretmeadows.co.uk/>.

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TUDDENHAM TALES



From left: Jim Punton, Paul Jennings, Fiona Woods.

Burns Supper

The popular biannual Burns Night Supper, held on Saturday 27 January at Tuddenham Village Hall, was a sell out!

Adrian Frost hosted the event. The proceedings commenced when piper Andy Offord piped in the ceremonial haggis carried by Scot Punton. Tuddenham's resident Scot, Jim Punton, performed the 'Immortal Memory'. Paul Jennings gave an hilarious 'Toast to the Lassies' with Fiona Woods providing an equally amusing response.

Monica Pipe presided over the catering staff providing a delicious menu of Cock a Leekie Soup, Haggis, Neeps & Tatties with whisky gravy and Topsy Laird pudding.

After the meal, Jean Ellinor provided the calling for some Scottish Country Dancing including the ever popular Strip the Willow. The evening ended with Auld Lang Syne (remembering not to cross hands until the second verse!) An enjoyable evening was had by all.

One Night Only

Following the success of last year's variety show, Tadpoles are back again with 'One Night Only - The Sequel'

which takes place at on Saturday 3 March at the Village Hall.

The evening will include comedy sketches, the Junior Chorus performing a medley from 'Oliver!', poems, songs, monologues and our very own Singing Vicars! Like last year, tickets have already sold out.

Dresses for Kenya

The ladies of Tuddenham St Martin WI were proud to support Ipswich based Cake & Revolution WI in their recent project. C&R WI organised a sewing bee afternoon making cotton dresses for primary school girls in Kenya as part of a bigger initiative by Kenyan School Fund (an Ipswich charity).

In addition to various lengths of cotton material donated by WI ladies, a kind donor gave a 40 metre length of material which the Tuddenham ladies washed, ironed and cut to size ready for the C&R ladies to sew into 28 dresses.

The charity sent the dresses and other items (pencils, skipping ropes, underwear, toothbrushes etc) to Kenya in February. For information about the charity visit www.kenyanschoolfund.org

Words Jean Ellinor, photos above by Jo Tickle, below Vicky Brett of Cake & Revolution WI



Defibrillator 'Live' in Otley

A defibrillator has been installed on the outside wall of Otley Village Hall. This purchase, from Community Heartbeat Trust, has been made by Otley Parish Council with the help of Councillor Robin Vickery's Locality Budget, for which we are most grateful. The defibrillator is in a locked cabinet, requiring key pad code access. In the event of an emergency you should ring 999 and they will issue the code.

Forty eight residents attended the awareness session provided by Community Heartbeat Trust. This was a successful evening demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works, along with the benefits of saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

The response to the evening was very positive and helped raise confidence. The parish council intend to follow this up with further first aid training in the future. We are also hoping to get VETS - Village Emergency Telephone System - up and running for those who may need support during an emergency, particularly those on their own, disabled or vulnerable. More information on this will follow in due course.

This was a very welcome purchase and a great asset to the village. It is hoped it is never needed but it reassuring to know the back-up is there should it ever be needed.

Rachel Green, Otley Parish Clerk, rag.designs@hotmail.co.uk



Trust to support Burgh people

The Wood Trust is an amalgamation of several old charities which have been brought together to simplify the administration. The trust has money invested on their behalf by The Charity Commission and this produces an annual income which is used for the benefit of the Burgh community.

The Wood Trust is run on behalf of the local community by seven trustees, including the Rector of the Carlford Benefice who was co-opted to advise on Grundisburgh institutions used by Burgh residents who may need financial help such as the scouts, guides and the local youth club.

For many years the donation to individuals was in the form of Christmas coal for all Burgh pensioners but when coal went out of fashion the money was used to pay TV licences instead. Now that pensioners over 75 receive their TV licences free the trust is used to help anyone in the parish who is in need. It has helped a husband visit his sick wife in hospital and has paid for a youngster to learn how to play a musical instrument.

The trustees meet once a year to allocate grants but anyone in Burgh can contact the trust for financial help.

Are you, or do you know anyone in the village who is experiencing difficulties of any sort where a small monetary donation could ease the problem?

Can you think of a problem that needs to be solved in Burgh, or an amenity which might benefit, no matter how large or small which the trust may be able to assist with?

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GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS



The existing village hall in Grundisburgh will remain in business until the new hall is ready for use. Bookings should now be made through Michelle Sandford (above). She can be contacted on 07874 055746 or 01473 735951.

Michelle has taken over the role from Brenda Garrett who had served as bookings secretary since 1991 after taking over from Margaret Dunnett.

Michelle lives even closer to the hall - next door at Lark Rise, Ipswich Road.

Progress on the new village hall

The business plan for Grundisburgh's new village hall has now been approved by the management committee and has been circulated to parish councillors. Copies are also available for reading in the pop-up café at Williams Store and on the website: www.grundisburghvillagehall.uk

A funding team has started the process of applying for grants and there will be regular updates in Grundisburgh News on their progress.

At the same time a drive is underway to raise funds within the community. Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra will be giving the proceeds raised at its concert on 4 March (see page 5) to the project. A 'sale of surprises' run by Nicola Hobbs and myself in the parish rooms in

November raised nearly £200, which was shared between the hall project and Send a Cow.. Grant providers look more favourably on applications when they can see that efforts are being made within the community to raise funds.

Fund raisers wanted

Anyone who can help raise funds - either for the general construction or for specific aspects such as projection or kitchen equipment - is invited to make contact with me in the first place.

A simple website has been prepared which will enable people to get the latest news on the project and also to download a copy of the business plan. The website address is: www.grundisburghvillagehall.uk

A new fence has been erected along the Ipswich Road boundary to make the site more secure.

Peter Kendall, chair, New Village Hall Steering Group, peter@peterkendall.com

New Year began with a bring and share buffet, along with one of Gill Johnson's quizzes, as usual it was a very relaxed evening. Congratulations to Ann Barton on being presented with the cup for gaining the most competition points during 2017.

In February Pastor Colin Grimwood shared with us some experiences he had while visiting missionaries in Madurai, India.

He was there during Pongal, which is a colourful (and noisy) four day festival to celebrate harvest. He spoke of a very different culture to ours, a place where time keeping is almost non-existent and the roads are full of reckless drivers, of beautiful places and of the extreme poverty of people living in shanty homes, and of being given curry at almost every meal (including breakfast!).

Our refreshments were in keeping with the theme when we rounded the evening off with onion bhajis and samosas.

We are looking forward to our full and varied programme for the rest of 2018. Come and join us, you will be sure of a welcome - see the News' diary page for details of speakers.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838

Parish meeting

Grundisburgh & Cupho's Annual parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 24 April starting at 7pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall.

WI REPORT

The last meeting of Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI in 2017 was a real treat. The Kesgrave Singers gave us a polished programme of songs and poetry. Sometimes we were toe tapping, or being encouraged to join in. Then at times we just sat back and listened as their lovely voices filled the very appropriate setting of the Chapel.

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Beavers on their First Aid night.

SCOUTING NEWS

Everyone enjoyed Xmas activities before the holidays, For Beavers it was a party in the Scout Hut, Cubs a games night, Scouts - Ten Pin Bowling, Explorers - day out, sleepover in the hut.

The Xmas Card Postal Scheme was very well supported, making £237 for our fundraising. The support was very much appreciated. A total of 976 were collected, which then got sorted and sent. Williams Stores collected the most - getting 403 cards in their 'post bin'!

In January over 40 members attended the excellent GADS panto and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One of the cast was Annie Potter, a new Cub, who was 'invested' by Archie, our Cub Leader during the interval.

Beavers heard about the history of scouting and the 'Beaver Promise' from Stuart. Geraldine, one of our Leaders, and Lorna, a Young Leader, both celebrated birthdays (Lorna's was a very special one). We had 'Burns Night' singing round the campfire, First Aid with Geraldine, who is a State Registered Nurse, teaching the Beavers how to get help and putting someone in the 'Recovery Position'; then Beavers went home with 'pretend' bandages on heads, hands, arms, legs. We made pancakes, had new Beavers invested, will be making Mother's Day cards/crafts, and hiking back from Bealings.

Cubs had Scientist Badge Night (1) in January with local resident Joel Tatham and will have Joel for Scientist Night (2) in March. We had a Jelly Baby Challenge Night, a joint Cub/Scout hike around local villages undertaking a few challenges with sleepover in the hut. We did Creative Pancakes and Camp Donuts, will be going tobogganing in Ipswich and on an Easter egg hunt, and at the end of May taking part in District Cub Camp.

Scouts went on a hike to Hasketon, eating hot dogs on arrival, and will be joining Cubs on the Incident Challenge hike. We will be learning Camp First Aid and Hygiene and in March older Scouts are attending Phoenix Camp in Essex. The Outdoor Challenge Camp will be at Boxford Spinney, we have an Easter Egg Hunt and then in late March Swimming & Chips.

Explorers also hiked to Hasketon but on a different night to Scouts, we had Blind Date, Open Fire Pancakes, Phoenix Camp in Essex with some Scouts, an Alien Game and at end of March there will be a Night Hike starting from Grundisburgh.

We are still in need of helpers for our Scout Group and if anyone would like details please contact Stuart Ross, Group Scout Leader, or me.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Growing guiding movement

Guiding in Grundisburgh is growing! We welcomed a new senior section in the autumn. This unit caters for girls ages between 14 and 18 and they meet every fortnight from 7 to 8.45pm at Grundisburgh School. The programme is completely girl led, promoting independence and leadership.

Since starting the unit the girls have to planned, cooked and served a healthy two course meal for the Guiding leaders - which was very much appreciated by us! They brushed up on their knot tying skills to make woggles for their unit scarves and made Christmas decorations using paracord. We would love to have more girls joining the senior section.

Guides did their 'Peacock' badge which looked at Indian culture and involved trying different Indian food and looking at saris. They also made their own biscuits and boxes that were given to older members of the community over Christmas.

In Brownies we had a visit from the local police, but not because we had been naughty but to help us complete our 'Crime Prevention' badge. The girls all had their finger prints taken and had to design a crime prevention poster. This term we are working towards our 'Guide Dog' badge and are looking forward to a visit from a Guide dog.

To complete the Guiding 'family' we will soon be opening a Rainbow unit. This will be the first time that Grundisburgh Guiding has been able to offer provision for girls aged between 5 and 7. Contact one of us for information about Rainbow.

The date for this year's Pumpkin Festival is Saturday 20 October, to be held once again on the village green. This was a hugely successful event last year, raising much needed funds of just under £1,000 for Guiding. This year we are hoping to promote the home grown pumpkin competition for both young and old, experienced and newcomers. There will be free pumpkin seeds available to collect from Williams Store or contact one of us and we will get one to you. Get your green fingers at the ready!

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NEWS TRIBUTES

Doreen Martin 1926-2017

Doreen and her twin sister Doris were born to Laura and Bernard Vince. They lived at 4 Vine Cottages, Grundisburgh. Sadly Doreen's twin died at five, just after they started school in the village.



Doreen was lonely and so her parents took in Barnardos children Freda and Grace. They

had many happy times playing in the meadows and paddling in the stream. War was declared when she was 13 and her father built an air raid shelter in the bank in the garden where they would go until the all clear was given.

At 14 Doreen went to work in service as kitchen maid at Clopton Hall for Mr and Mrs Neeps earning five shillings a week with her food provided. An extra job was at Woodbridge canning factory, where she made many friends, Doreen met Dennis through her cousin Lily who was married to Dennis's brother Cyril. They were married in 1949 and lived in a cottage in Otley owned by Stanaway Farm. She worked in the farmhouse as part payment for the rent. In 1951 Rosemary was born and she could no longer work so they moved back to her parents, until a house came up on Orchard End. In 1953 Manny was born, then in 1958 Margaret. Doreen

later adored her three granddaughters, Laura, Zoe and Claire. Her passion was car boot sales where she had great pleasure in buying toys for them. She was also a great animal lover and always had cats and dogs.

She developed dementia many years ago; Dennis and the family took care of her until in 2005 she needed more care than they were able to provide. She went to live in Anglesey Heights nursing home where, amazingly she stayed until her death over 12 years later. We would like to thank all who attended our mum's funeral and donated to Dementia UK. We are so pleased to have raised £270.

Manny Martin and Margaret Quinton

John Batchelor 1920-2017

John began his life in Sutton, Norfolk, and spent his childhood there, winning a place at the grammar school in North Walsham. He was just the right age to 'join up' as the end of the 1930s came along. John joined the RAF in 1938, as a motor engineer. He did his 10 week basic training in Yorkshire and then was posted in a variety of places throughout the UK until 1944, when he was sent to Italy.

He stayed on in the RAF for a while after war ended, by which time he had risen to the rank of sergeant but he returned to civilian life and to Norfolk. He met Hazel at a dance in Diss. She came from Burgh, where her father was the blacksmith - she was teaching at Earl Soham



Primary School at the time. The wedding took place in Burgh Church and they lived in Meeting Lane in Grundisburgh.

John worked at Barnards in Stowmarket for a time and in 1963 became a heavy goods vehicle inspector for the Ministry of Transport. When not working his passions were two fold - his garden and heavy machinery. He liked nothing better than a day out at a steam rally.

Hazel died in 2009 and John missed her badly but 2017 was to be perhaps the hardest he had ever encountered, with the death of their only son Nigel.

In his usual fashion, he was determined to deal with everything properly - and began the mammoth task of clearing Nigel's sheds and his vast collection of engineering magazines. But what hit John hardest was discovering that Nigel, who had lived with his parents all his life, was a very wealthy man, indeed a millionaire. John found it hard to get his head around the fortune that Nigel had amassed. He shared with me on a number of occasions, the challenge of what was to be done with this fortune.

Grundisburgh will be forever indebted to Nigel and John Batchelor, who have left to the Scouts, the Church, the Chapel and the Gurdon Trust, money and property in excess of one million pounds. During the remainder of his life John wanted no public recognition for this benevolence, but his nephew Michael agreed that the village should know of the legacy that we have received and be able to express our gratitude.

Rev Canon Clare Sanders

John Nicholas 1931-2017

John was born and bred in London and on leaving school joined the Post Office as a messenger boy, the start of a long love affair with the service. National Service was with the Royal Engineers Postal Section in Germany. On demob, he was promoted to Postman Higher Grade, aged



21 years, when he was approached to apply for service on the travelling post office, for John a dream job! Although he passed the Postal and Telegraph Civil Exam, he declined to take up the appointment, being too excited about working on the TPO.

Travel was another passion. With his first wife and four children, they emigrated to Australia as £10 poms. John loved the Australian life-style, the sunshine, the feeling of open space and the lack of formality - and his job with the Australian post office. Family problems brought them back to England, and the marriage broke down.

John responded to an advert to share the driving and costs of travelling by Land Rover across Europe and parts of Asia, to Australia. He got as far as Delhi and was appalled by the poverty in India, but fascinated by the countries and the kindness of the people he met.

Back home, he took a job at Lingfield Hospital School for children with epilepsy where he met and married Madge in 1972; they emigrated to New Zealand where John again became a postman and loved the life style. Elizabeth was born there but they returned when Madge's mother became terminally ill. Madge took a post with Suffolk County Council, and John began a new line of employment as a nursing auxilliary at Heath Road Hospital, working nights. During their first winter in Grundisburgh the village was snowed in and he walked for three hours to get to the hospital for his shift!

The last of John's long distance journeys came in 1982 when he fulfilled a long held dream to visit South

America. He spent four months back-packing around Venezuela, Peru, the Amazon Basin, Equador and the Galapagos Islands and had a fabulous time. Then he settled down very happily in Grundisburgh and I really think he was never happier.

Based on information supplied by Madge



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Eileen Angland 1923-2017

Eileen Angland was born into a large very close family in Canning Town, London. She had a great sense of humour and would talk for hours about the things she and her sisters used to get up to.

When the war started Eileen joined up as an ARP warden even though only 16 and was a fire watch warden during the blitz. Growing up, the church played a big part in their social life as well as services on Sundays and Holy Days. It was at one of these social gatherings that she met Patrick and after the war they married, moved to Rise Park in Romford where their children, Terry, Pat, Janice and Debbie were born.

Eileen was very sociable, keen to get involved in the local Towns Women's Guild and contributed handicraft items to the sewing group at the school PSA and Scout Troop.



There were many family gatherings for extended family; Christmas parties always included the grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, with Eileen and Patrick happily catering for everyone.

After Patrick retired, they moved to Grundisburgh and what a happy move that turned out to be! The village welcomed them and they joined many groups. The family gatherings continued, now including grandchildren and great grandchildren,

Eileen was keen on acting and enjoyed painting, sharing this pleasure with a small group of ladies from the village who would meet weekly at each other's houses. Eileen made many great friends in Grundisburgh, and the parishioners from St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Woodbridge, who visited, enabling her to continue her commitment to her faith. In recent years the Grundisburgh Lunch Club has been an invaluable support. With this network of helpers Eileen was able to stay in her

bungalow and live a full and independent life.

Terry, Pat, Janice & Debbie

Ray Jackaman

Ray was very much a local boy, living in and around Grundisburgh all his life: in his early years in Stoney Road, in one of the houses that were then called Roadman's Cottages. His father Walter, worked as a lengths man for the council, which involved looking after a particular stretch of road in the village, all year round in all weathers.

Later he lived at Bonds Corner where the living was tough – water collected from a standpipe and carried in a bucket on the bike handlebars. He then moved with his parents to the top of Orchard End until they died in the 1970s and lived there alone – apart from the chickens!

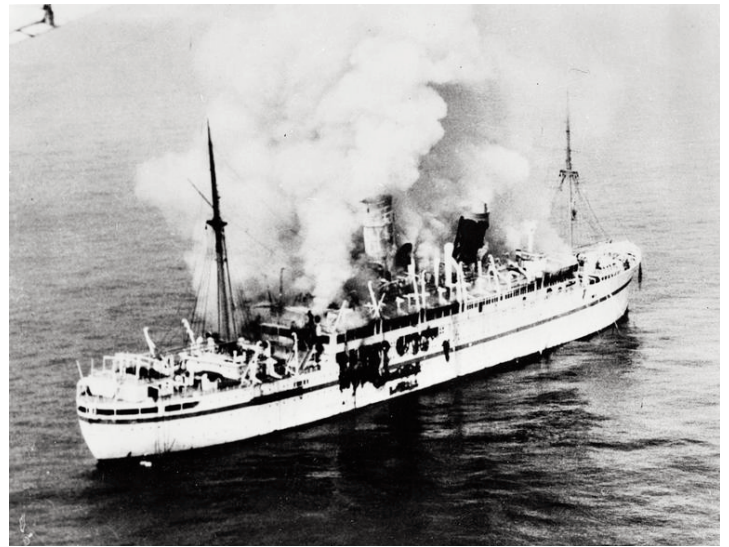
Ray attended Grundisburgh School, from ages 5-15, no secondary school in those days. His working life had begun at Tuddenham Hall, doing something on the farm, but for the greater part, he worked for Suffolk County Council in the road maintenance and transport. After retirement he worked in various gardens, keeping immaculate records of what he had done on each visit.

At 18 Ray had been called up for National Service in the army and was sent to the Korean War. On the journey home he was involved in a dramatic piece of naval history – see right.

Back home football was an important part in Ray's life, and he played in and managed several local football teams including Grundisburgh Reserves, Charsfield and Monewden.

Rev Canon Clare Sanders

Unfortunately The News is usually unable to carry the tributes supplied to us in full. So the editor has the difficult task of reducing the length. The unedited versions can be seen on The News' website and in Williams tea rooms.



DRAMA AT SEA

It was while we were recording memories for the 'Grundisburgh Remembered' project celebrating the Millennium, that Ray Jackaman related to me his experiences aboard the Troopship 'Empire Windrush' on 29 March 1954.

National Serviceman Jackaman had been shipped with his unit to engage in the Korean War, but when they got there the war was over and they were shipped home again!

On the return journey the ship called at various ports, picking up service families and invalided service men - 1,500 men, women and children. At some point off Algiers there was an explosion in the engine-room which killed four crew members and spread fire throughout. The alarm sounded and eventually the order was given to 'abandon ship'.

When Ray and his mates went to collect their life-jackets they found they had already been 'collected' by others, and as Ray said in a massive piece of understatement "some of us were in a bit of a muddle" - a 'muddle' for him certainly - unable to swim and no life-jacket! As he hesitated on deck an older Scottish serviceman advised him 'you'd best get off here laddie' and when Ray explained his dilemma the 'Scotsman', as Ray described him, gave Ray his own life-jacket. "I wish I could meet him, and thank him" Ray told me, nearly 50 years later, "he saved my life".

Making History

I told this story to Ivan Howlett who was part of the BBC team who produced the Radio 4 programme 'Making History' and who was helping us with the 'Grundisburgh Remembered' project. In response to an invitation from Ivan to record his story, Ray's own 'history' was played on the Tuesday afternoon 'Making History' programme and, to the delight of all concerned, the following day the sister of Ray's hero contacted the BBC - her brother was still alive and living in a retirement home!

He and Ray were put in touch, Ray was able to express his heartfelt thanks and they remained in touch with each other until the death of that brave kind man who'd saved Ray's life - and I know how grateful Ray remained until his own recent death.

Madge Nicholas

The picture of the Empire Windrush ablaze is taken from Royal Air Force photograph A 32891 courtesy of Imperial War Museum collections. A dramatic film of the rescue can be viewed in youtube Movietone film clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNzOIUTGYcY>



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SPORTING STORIES



Groundisburgh FC (in orange) versus Sporting '87.

Groundisburgh FC in tight situation

Groundisburgh crashed out of the SIL Ko Cup Quarter finals away to Division 1 side Sporting'87 of Bury 3-1 on 17 February. Currently 13th in the table out of 16 teams (two of whom will go down) and just eight games left, we are hoping to avoid relegation and make it 38 seasons unbroken in senior football since our promotion in 1981. The remaining home games this season are 24 March against Leiston St Margarets; 7 April v Achilles; 21 April v Ransomes Sports; 5 May v Felixstowe Harpers Utd. The matches at the Groundisburgh Playing Field pitch kick off at 230pm. Come and give us some support!

Micky Squirrel

Leagues, leaves and lunches at Groundisburgh Tennis Club

Tennis is not just a summer sport. At Groundisburgh we swept away the January blues along with the leaves blown onto the courts by the winter gales. And all that exercise means we can indulge in guilt free get-togethers afterwards for coffee or lunch.



This year we have had teams in both the men's and ladies' winter leagues and we have been winning matches – at least some of the time! The league games are competitive, but also good fun and a great opportunity to meet and play against new people.

We will be gearing up for the spring and summer soon. Annual membership runs from 1 April and costs £68 for individual seniors, £28 for individual juniors, £90 per couple and £115 for a family. All members are able to go into the ballot for Wimbledon tickets and there are opportunities for coaching for all age groups and abilities. If interested in joining please contact Sue Haddock, 01473 738872, sue.haddock@grundisburghtennis.co.uk.

Anne Lee

OUTDOOR BOWLS SEASON

Groundisburgh Bowls Club's new outdoor season runs from end of April to end of September. We have a total of 18 friendly matches (not league) arranged against other local clubs. There's no better way to enjoy a sunny summer afternoon. There are also club roll-ups every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm and Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm.

We invite new members to join the club. You can even try it out first, with three free Wednesday afternoon roll-ups, before deciding to join. All you need are some flat-soled shoes. Interested? Contact me, or just come along on a Wednesday afternoon (we're behind the Dog).

Alan Hill, Club Secretary. 01473 735662

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Second World War Memories

In response to the article on pillboxes in our winter issue Ron Last got in touch and I had an interesting telephone conversation with him. He now lives in London but grew up in Burgh and was 11 years old when WW2 broke out. His recollection of events and circumstances at that time are still very clear. They include: Pillboxes...

What is known to some these days as the Wyevale roundabout was split into two half-moons with the single carriageway A12 going through the middle. A pillbox was sited on the western section with, I imagine, 360 degree fields of fire. It was disguised as a bus shelter with painted seats and an advertising hoarding apparently with the name of a hotel which was called 'Theendisnear' - all one word - reminiscent of Private Fraser's humour in Dads Army. The unit that manned this pillbox was billeted in Woodbridge.

The Home Guard...

The Grundisburgh Home Guard was under the command of a Sergeant Lambert. One of the defensive plans was a

system of barrels filled with sand which they planned to put across the road in the event of invasion at Pipes Corner with a system of metal rods with which to move them into position.

The Americans...

A B-17 Flying Fortress crashed in fields to the north and west of Grundisburgh Hall and the rather sad story was that Land Girls were waving at the airmen who might have been waving frantically at them to get out of the way to crash land, but tragically the aircraft hit the trees and all crew were lost. Ron felt that this story might still be open to interpretation.

There was also an incident where P 39 Thunderbolt hit a B-17 Flying Fortress; the pilot of the Thunderbolt was lost but the Flying Fortress was able to land in the Debach area.

There was American airman accommodation and PX (NAAFI equivalent) in Snipe Farm Road in Clopton which some local residents managed to take advantage of. The billeting area was away from the airfield at Debach in case of an enemy attack on it.

Stephen Cooper

Disappearing ducks

One response to The News' comment about all the ducks disappearing from Grundisburgh Green came from William Barraclough, a retired farmer from Swilland. He believes it was foxes which he says have increased massively in numbers and become a constant worry in the countryside which he, as a former breeder of turkeys, ducks and chickens, became only too well aware. He also said that mink, another countryside pest, had been seen recently and people with fishponds should beware.

We received a response in verse from a regular visitor to the village whose children enjoyed seeing the ducks. This would have taken too much room to include here, but a copy is being displayed in the Old Drapery Tearoom on The Green. *Editor*

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GADS Panto 2018

'THE THREE MUSKETEERS'



Photos clockwise from above: King Louis (John Cuff) with musketeers, played by Debbie Osborne, Nikki Brown and Karen Tatham; Fleur Deleece (Steve Longbottom); Cardinal Richelieu (Ian Frost) and Milady de Winter (Roz Bull); D'Artagnan (Abigail Radwell) and Constance (Ellie Richards); Sergeant (Neil Scarlett) and Steve Longbottom. The panto was directed by Judith Bignell and Joel Tatham, and produced by Phil Bailey.

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